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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 66.4 degrees, 2.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 7. Precipitation averaged 2.36 inches, 1.69 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 30 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 5. This is 5.1 days less than last year and 4.7 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	1.7	5.3	80.4
2002	6.8	6.5	105.2
1998-2002 Average	6.4	6.2	110.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	56	44
Last Week	0	14	76	10
Same Week Last Year	54	37	9	0
1998-2002 Average	24	30	45	1

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Ninety-three percent of **Corn** is in dough. This is two days ahead of last year, but three days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate corn at 49 percent dented. This is the same as last year but seven days behind the five-

year average. Two percent of corn is mature, compared to six percent last year and 12 percent for the five-year average. Farmers have 11 percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is 10 days behind 2002 and nine days behind the 1998-2002 average. Twelve percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is two days behind 2002 and six days behind the 1998-2002 average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 67 percent complete and the fourth cutting is 12 percent complete. The second cutting of **Other hay** is 93 percent complete and the third cutting is 38 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 50 percent of their crops harvested. This is slightly ahead of last year, but eight days behind the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 12 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 11 percent in 2002. Ninety-one percent of Ohio's **Peaches** have been harvested compared to 96 percent last year. The **Grape** harvest is five percent complete. Vegetable growers have harvested 74 percent of their **Cucumbers**. This is eight days behind 2002 and 13 days behind the five-year average. Twenty-three percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is nine days behind 2002, and 10 days behind the 1998-2002 average.

Lots of rain over the holiday weekend greatly reduced field activities last week. Several reported almost five inches of rain from Friday to Monday, with one reporting almost 10 inches in parts of Darke county. In dry spots, hay was baled, silage was chopped, and fields were prepared for wheat planting. Farmers applied fungicides to sugar beets and roundup to wheat stubble. Fruit growers harvested apples, peaches, and grapes. Vegetable producers harvested sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and garlic.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The wet weather is causing some rot problems in certain areas which have received excessive amounts of rain. Corn was rated 70 percent good to excellent condition compared to 12 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 75 percent good to excellent compared to 4 percent in 2002. Livestock condition was rated at 83 percent good to excellent compared to 48 percent last year.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	67	88	87	53	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	12	22	27	5	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	12	11	13	3	NA
Corn in dough	93	91	95	85	90
Corn dented	49	49	66	32	57
Corn mature	2	6	12	NA	13
Corn Silage harvested	11	30	25	6	NA
Cucumbers harvested	74	81	90	68	NA
Grapes harvested	5	12	15	2	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	93	99	99	86	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	38	55	59	27	NA
Peaches harvested	91	96	95	88	NA
Potatoes harvested	50	49	59	40	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	23	44	47	9	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	12	16	26	2	7

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	22	48	22
Previous Week	2	7	25	43	23
Previous Year	27	32	29	11	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	11	26	45	13
Previous Week	3	7	29	47	14
Previous Year	26	37	28	8	1
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	16	66	17
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	5	9	38	42	6
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	19	53	22
Previous Week	1	5	24	51	19
Previous Year	39	34	23	4	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	25	49	16
Previous Week	3	9	26	47	15
Previous Year	21	30	36	12	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	64.1	-4.0	2.32	1.64	25.53	6.97	86	-42	2471	-98
North Central	65.0	-3.0	1.91	1.22	23.69	4.64	93	-34	2456	-73
Northeast	63.9	-2.9	1.79	0.94	28.96	9.34	89	-32	2259	-124
West Central	66.4	-2.5	2.85	2.22	28.99	8.87	100	-32	2612	-60
Central	67.3	-1.6	2.60	1.96	26.16	5.69	106	-27	2657	-39
Central Hills	65.4	-2.1	2.01	1.28	25.47	5.06	94	-30	2466	-41
Northeast Hills	65.4	-2.5	1.78	0.99	26.55	6.33	95	-33	2490	-50
Southwest	68.2	-1.9	3.44	2.83	28.43	7.17	111	-30	2746	-68
South Central	69.4	-0.8	2.46	1.88	30.84	10.64	117	-23	2825	-20
Southeast	67.8	-1.0	2.08	1.42	27.29	6.84	109	-23	2642	-41
STATE	66.4	-2.2	2.36	1.69	27.27	7.22	101	-30	2575	-61

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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